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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Robert Lee Thompson  
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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR OBTAINING AND UTILIZING  
MAINTENANCE INFORMATION

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Washington, D.C. 20231

**PETITION AND STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.102(c) AND MPEP 708.02(XI) FOR  
ADVANCEMENT OF EXAMINATION**

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.102(c), Applicants hereby request that the examination of the above-identified application be advanced out-of-turn (i.e., that the application be made "special") for examination. The present application relates to an invention for countering terrorism.

The application is directed to security systems and more particularly to an electronic security apparatus adapted to obtain identifying information of an individual. The apparatus is the form of a hand-held digital computer that allows a user to capture and store images and other information concerning an individual suspected of a crime or suspected of about to commit a crime. The information can be stored locally and/or transmitted to remote locations. Instruction on how to proceed once a suspect is identified may also be transmitted to the apparatus.

The Applicant was interviewed by ABC News to discuss the efficacy of this and other systems. The interview is scheduled to be aired on Primetime Live on September 27, 2001.

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